

**Life Together Group
Week of September 20**

Connect Together: Practice Contagious Fellowship (10 min)

When did you get your first Bible? Or

What is one of the first Bible stories you can remember learning?

Grow Together: Practice Intentional Faith Development (35 min)

Say the memory verse together:

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth
(Genesis 1:1)

Read the Sunday Text: Read Genesis 1:1-5

Summarize the Sunday message

1. What insights do you have or what applications are you working on from the Sunday message or the Transformation Journal?
2. Can you describe the difference between looking at the Bible through a preconceived political, ideological or theological lens and standing within the Bible and looking out at the world through the window of biblical faith?
3. What advantages are there in thinking of the Bible as an unfolding drama in which you find yourself on stage as one of the actors?
4. How do you feel about being a part of the drama? What makes for good improvisation?
5. Have you thought of the Bible as primarily a love story before? How is it so?
6. From the biblical viewpoint in Genesis 2 and 3, why did the love story go awry?
7. What is wrong with eating from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil?
8. What is the difference between the two trees mentioned in Genesis 2 and 3?

Serve and Share Together – Practice Risk-taking Mission and Service (10 min)

With whom are you called to stand?

Who does Jesus miss most?

What boundaries do you need to cross to stand with those Jesus misses most?

How can you begin or continue to develop these relationships to not only “stand with people” but also seek ways to include them in your life together?

Reach Out Together – Practice Radical Hospitality (10)

Continue to raise the question who else can we invite to take part in our group.

Worship Together – Practicing Passionate Worship (10 min)

Host Tip:

Offer a closing prayer and then divide into groups of two or three to share prayer concerns.

Assignments for next Week

Refreshments _____

Summarize Sunday Message _____

Other _____